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1 Reference is made in this Office Action to the following documents:

D1:

DE 296 08 792 U

D2:

US 5 268 827 A

D3:

US 6 340 235 B

- 2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1
- 2.1 The present application fails to meet the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT because the subject of claim 1 is not based on inventive activity in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.
- 2.1.1 Document D1 is considered to be the closest state of the art against the subject of claim 1. It discloses a partition for the interior space of a bag with a receiving part for a flat light source 2.
- 2.1.2 The subject of claim 1 therefore differs from that known from D1 in that the partition is transparent in the area of the light source.
- 2.1.3 The object to be accomplished with the present invention can consequently be seen to be in that the luminous foil is accommodated in a protected manner in a receiving part and can yet be used as a lighting means.
- 2.1.4 Document D2 discloses a handbag in which a flat light source 22 is accommodated in a receiving part with a transparent window in order to make light emission possible into the interior of the bag (see column 3, lines 22-24). The person skilled in the art would combine all the features disclosed in D1 and D2 to accomplish the object set without inventive activity. The solution proposed in the independent claim 1 cannot therefore be considered to be inventive (Article 33(3) PCT).

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## 3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 9

3.1 The present application fails to meet the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT because the subject of claim 9 is not novel in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D3 discloses a bag with a lighting means for illuminating the interior of a bag, wherein the lighting means has at least one flat light source (see column 9, lines 34-36), which forms a partition for the interior space of the bag (the inner bag 20, 64, 110 forms a partition in the bag 12, 62, 80).

### 4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-8, 10-19

Claims 2-8, 10-19 contain no features that meet the requirements of the PCT concerning novelty or inventive activity in combination with the features of any of the claims to which they relate.